

# WAR WAS INSPIRED SOLELY BY GREED

Light Thrown on South African Situation By ex-Consul McCrum.

## EARLY HISTORY OF THE CONFLICT

How Hostilities Were Opened and the Underlying Causes—Letter From Mr. McCrum.

There is no one in Ohio, or the United States for that matter, who is more conversant with the South African situation than Charles E. McCrum, former United States consul to the South African republic. The clear insight of Mr. McCrum in matters antedating the present war is shown in the following letter which he has written to the East Liverpool Crisis, and which will undoubtedly be read with interest by all persons who have followed the newspaper history of this prolonged conflict:

"A recent issue of a Pittsburg paper, which has always been extremely pro-British in its expression, contains a cable article under the caption of 'Boers Accept Terms of Peace from British,' which in a great part is a tissue of misstatements, and as a lover of fair play and one who pretends and certainly should know something of the situation at the time of the outbreak of the Boer-British war, I cannot refrain from calling attention to some of the 'twisted' facts."

"As to the terms of peace negotiations I know nothing. The press censor in South Africa is too vigilant to allow anything of the character of news regarding this particular matter to escape from the patriots side, so we have to accept just that which the war nabobs of torydom send over to us, or what the be-monocled hypocrite of Downing street stuffs down the throats of our correspondents in London."

### MAY BE SURPRISED.

"But I venture to say, from what I know of the sterling character and freedom-loving patriotism of the poor fellows that are fighting for everything that should be dear to the true American heart; for what those noble hearts fought for on our own soil a century and a quarter ago, that the peace terms are likely to surprise those Anglo-Americans among us who seem to glory in the liberties the British have been taking in a country not theirs in any sense; where darkest murder has been committed and where reconcentration camps have been established, the very best of which make the memory of the worst Spanish camps in Cuba a pleasant dream; where women have been violated and children starved and beaten to death as they cried for the bare crust that never was offered them."

### AN OLD TREATY.

"This said treaty of 1884, of which I have a copy taken from the original document in the state department of the South African republic at Pretoria by myself, provides under article 4 that Great Britain shall have supervision of the foreign relations of the South African republic, i. e., that when any treaty or convention is consummated with any foreign power by the South African republic, that the said treaty or convention shall be submitted to the British government and if no action is taken by the British government within six months thereafter, then the said treaty shall be fully effective."

"If, however, the British government makes objection to the said treaty or convention it must also give sufficient reason or reasons to sustain the same. A number of treaties were made under this article between the years of 1884 and 1899. This same article 4 of the convention of 1884 also provides and the government of Great Britain undertakes to abstain from all interference in the internal affairs of the South African republic."

### ENGLAND IS PLEDGED.

"The great government of Great Britain pledges itself to do this. Now how has it lived up to its pledges? On first day of January, 1896, the infamous Jamison led a party of ruffians through from the western border to seize the government of Pretoria. Think of that, you true Americans! But they only got as far as Doornkop. There Cronje and Joubert nipped them."

"What was done? They were goaded for a time and the leaders tried and condemned to death. Then that great man of men in South Africa stepped in and said: 'No, I'll not punish the puppets when I can't get hold of the dog that laid the plans and got these fellows in this mess.' He turned them loose, sent them to Capetown and they were 'tried' by this same great British government, as also was Cecil Rhodes, and we all know of the result of the 'trial' is that this great British government said: 'Not guilty, but don't do it again.'"

### PERTINENT QUESTION.

"We Americans had an illustrious compatriot in that raid; we all remember him. It cost our government about a quarter of a million dollars to extricate him from that mess, when he ought to have been strung up to the nearest tree. Wouldn't that have been

the case if he had started for Washington on the same errand, no matter to what great government he belonged?"

"England promised to pay an indemnity in the sum of some two and one-half million pounds sterling for this raid. Did they ever pay it? No one ever heard of their doing it, although they had nearly five years in which to do it. But then England made good none of its promises to the little Boer republic."

"Under the subhead, 'Demanded Franchises,' the cable says: 'The controversy which was responsible for the war was the unsatisfactory status of the Uitlanders in the republic. They demanded franchises which the Boer government refused to grant, etc. etc.' What right had they to demand franchises until they had lived the required length of time in the country? At all times they had the right after two years' residence to become naturalized, and such naturalization carried with it the right to vote for any officer, executive or legislative, except the president and members of the first volksraad. This body is equivalent to the English house of lords, and who ever heard of anyone having a vote in the election of a member of the British house of lords?"

### NOT THE REAL CAUSE.

"As a matter of fact this elective franchise was not the trouble at all. The real trouble was gold. The rich land, the Johannesburg reef. Undoubtedly this field is the richest proposition in all the world, and England wanted it; she wants every gold field in existence, and it was that that turned the head of the hypocrite of Downing street."

"If you will turn back the leaves of your history to the month of June in 1899 you will find that at the instance of President Steyn, of the Orange Free State, who was most earnest in his desire for peace throughout South Africa, President Kruger and Sir Alfred Milner met in conference at Bloemfontein, the capital of the Orange Free State, and for five long days and nights they wrestled with this very problem of franchise."

### HAD MIND MADE UP.

"President Kruger, when he went to that conference, had on his hands a law requiring a residence of 14 years in the South African republic to attain a full and complete franchise. Sir Alfred Milner came to the conference with his mind made up that he would accept nothing but a five year franchise law as a settlement of the impending difficulties. During the conference President Kruger came down to nine, then seven years. There he stuck and refused any further concession."

The high commissioner, Sir Alfred, would make no compromise. Five years or war was the tenor of his whole talk. The conference closed and the participants returned to their respective homes. Some time after this President Kruger, in a note to the British government, agreed to recommend the passage of a five year franchise law, provided the British government on its part would renew its pledge to abstain from further meddling in the internal affairs of his country."

### JOSEPH ACCEPTED.

"Joseph Chamberlain says he accepted this proposition, but the curt refusal Mr. Kruger received tells quite another story. Then, as no recourse seemed to be left this grand old man, and the British troops were being massed on the borders of his country, he issued his famous and wonderful ultimatum. He saw how much the first blow meant to him since was being forced on him, and he couldn't afford to wait until his people were hemmed in like rats in a trap. He struck for life and liberty and we have learned what he meant when he spoke of the 'price that would stagger humanity.'"

"After the war commenced, and at the battle of Dundee, secret documents were captured showing the contemplation of this war by the British war office as far back as 1896, just after the infamous Jamison raid. And still they tell us it was 'only the franchise' that caused all this unholy murder and bloodshed. Shame on the American that believes such a statement! Shame on the American that even breathes a word of sympathy for England in this dastardly farce!"

## SAW THE "WATERCURE"

Akron Boy Has Figured Conspicuously in the Investigation of Officers' Cruelty.

Akron, O., April 16.—Lieut. A. L. Conger, who has been mentioned in connection with the "water cure" practiced on Filipinos, is a son of the late Col. A. L. Conger, of Akron, and his mother still resides in the palatial family home here, Irving Lawn.

Lieut. Conger is about thirty years old, and secured a lieutenantancy in the army about four years ago. He has for some time been an aid on the staff to Gen. Hughes and, returning from the Philippines in January, spent two months in Akron, leaving only last week for San Francisco, where he is still upon Gen. Hughes' staff.

He was married upon his return to America to Miss Margaret Guild, of Boston.

### NEW N. O. T. ADJUSTER.

Akron, O., April 16.—Attorney T. W. Wakeman has been appointed claim adjuster of the Northern Ohio Traction company to succeed the late George W. McKisson.

### A CHATTANOOGA DRUGGIST'S STATEMENT.

Robt. J. Miller, Proprietor of the Read House Drug store of Chattanooga, Tenn., writes: "There is more merit in Foley's Honey and Tar than in any other cough syrup. The calls for it multiply wonderfully and we sell more of it than all other cough syrups combined." Roth & Hug.

# THE FRANCHISE

For Akron & Alliance Railway.

Messrs. Hugh Blakely and Charles Keith, the promoters of the Akron and Alliance Connecting railway, were in Canton Tuesday in consultation with the commissioners, relative to securing a franchise over the public highway between the terminal points. They were accompanied by Attorney O. M. Coven.

The terms of the franchise were discussed and some of the consents of property owners were ordered revised, as there were 47 in which the foot frontage was not specified, as the law directs. The commissioners insisted that the provision should be inserted that the line is to pay \$25 per mile after ten years. This provision has been in all recent franchises.

Further hearing was postponed until Tuesday of next week.

### A MAGNOLIA ADDITION.

James P. Clark, as agent for the village of Magnolia, was before the county commissioners Tuesday with a plat of the new addition which has been laid out adjacent to the village. The petition and plat were ordered filed and hearing day was fixed for June 23. The addition has been made necessary by the great growth of the village due to the opening of coal mines and erection of clay works.

### TO BUILD SWITCH.

The county commissioners Tuesday granted the Canton-Massillon Electric railway company the right to build a turn-out switch midway between Massillon and Navarre, to facilitate the passing of cars. It is not to exceed 600 feet in length and must be of the same grade as the main line and of the street.

### FIRST ROADMASTER.

The county commissioners Tuesday approved the appointment of William Murray as roadmaster of Lawrence township, who had been selected by the township trustees. This is the first appointment in this county under the special law doing away with the supervisors. Appointments are made by trustees, but have to be approved by the county commissioners. The working of this law will be watched with interest. Its constitutionality is questioned by some.

### PROBATE COURT.

In the estate of Lucy Remillet, of Canton, John B. Remillet has been appointed administrator.

In the estate of Cecile Gaillet, of Nimishillen township, George Schriber has been appointed administrator with the will annexed.

In the estate of Selam Gumpert, of Canton, inventory and appraisal have been filed.

In the estate of George Hartzell, of Canton, sale has been approved, deed and distribution ordered.

In the guardianship of Elmer Motchie, of Canton, inventory and appraisal have been filed.

In the guardianship of Claude A. Wetter, of Alliance, inventory and appraisal have been filed.

In the guardianship of Lester D. Meister, of Osnaburg, appraisal and bond have been ordered.

In the guardianship of A. Wetter, of Alliance, inventory and appraisal have been filed.

In the estate of Catherine Dillman, of Plain township, application to adjust and compromise legacy has been filed. Ordered compromised.

### ODD FELLOWS SUE.

A. M. Hawn, administrator of the estate of George L. Pierce, has sued Alliance Lodge No. 286, I. O. O. F., to collect a note for \$300 given by the lodge to Pierce during his life time. No payments have ever been made, and judgment is asked for the amount. Attorney Wm. M. Roach is counsel for the plaintiff.



### Beautiful Thoughts

The sweet, pure breath of the babe is suggestive of innocence and health. Some children are as light and delicate as the modest flower, some are strong and bright, some are frail and sickly.

A mother's yearning for children is inseparable from a love of the beautiful, and it behooves every woman to bring the best influences to bear on the subject of her maternity.

'Tis so easy that period when life is born again.

### Mother's Friend

is popularly used. It is a liniment, easily administered and for external use only. No risk, no experiment, merely a pain reliever and harmless.

Pregnant women are earnestly entreated to try this remedy. It being undeniably a friend to her during the term of suffering, it is a friend to her during the term of suffering.

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# WHEN THE NERVES ARE HUNGRY.

When a child is hungry it cries; give it food, it is satisfied; grows quiet or goes to sleep. When the nerves are hungry they pain; that is their cry for blood—blood that is rich and red—that brings them food, that nourishes them and gives them strength, steadiness and rest. No pain is harder to bear. Pain kills some people; it wears them out; it saps their strength until it leaves them a mental, physical, and nervous wreck. Nowhere in all its happy range are the splendid effects of Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills better seen than in these cases, giving as they do to the blood all that makes it rich and pure. Strong in its power to nourish these crying, painful, hungry nerves back into their natural state again, strong, steady, quiet, and free from pain.

### South Walnut Street.

Mr. J. L. Smith, of No. 222 South Walnut St., Canton, Ohio, says: "Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills are a good medicine. They do as they say they will, quiet and steady the nerves, build one up in strength and give natural sleep. I needed just such a medicine as the Nerve Pills I got at M. A. Fisher's Drug Store and am glad to give it the credit it deserves for pulling me in good health again."

Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills are sold at 50c. a box at dealers or Dr. A. W. Chase Medicine Co., Buffalo, N. Y. See that portrait and signature of A. W. Chase, M. D., are on every package.

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### Cherry Street.

Mr. Chase Slagle, of No. 829 Cherry street, Canton, O., says: "From a personal use of Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills in an extreme nervousness coupled with an irregular, weak heart action I can heartily recommend them to people in a like condition as a medicine that can well give one nerve strength and regulate and make strong the heart action. I base this opinion in the use of Nerve Pills and the effects from a box I got at M. A. Fisher's drug store."

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W. Chase on each box of the Chase Medicine Co., 257 Washington

## COLUMBUS IS AFTER LABOR CONVENTION

Delegates to Amalgamated Will Plug For a Capital City Session Next Year.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Columbus, April 15.—Columbus will make a strong effort to capture the convention of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel workers for next year. The local delegates of the organization have left to attend the convention, which opens at Wheeling today. The Columbus board of trade has taken the matter up and will send representatives to Wheeling who will endeavor to impress those in attendance at the big gathering that the city of Columbus would be a most excellent place at which to meet in 1903. It has been 25 years since the association met in Columbus.

Joseph Bishop, secretary of the Ohio state board of arbitration, was president of the association when the convention was held here. Hon. J. H. Morgan, present state inspector of workshops and factories, and until recently an official of the association, will attend the convention and will co-operate with the Columbus board of trade and the local amalgamated delegates in their efforts to secure next year's meeting for the capital city. Saturday, April 26, will be known as Wheeling day. Addresses will be made by Governor White, of West Virginia; Congressman Dovenor, of Wheeling, and President Shaffer, of the Amalgamated association.

It is expected that the lodges at Youngstown, Warren, Niles, Canton, Cleveland, Lisbon, Wellsville, Cambridge and other points in Ohio where mills are located will send large delegations to the convention on that day.

## USED PITCHFORK

To Defend His Right of Way—Prominent Akron Men Come Together.

Akron, O., April 15.—Charles Dressler, armed with a pitchfork, and W. M. Hiltabide, a prominent politician and superintendent of the Ohio canal, armed with a revolver, came near coming together at the canal feeder last evening.

"Run the pitchfork through him if he attempts to come on this land," Wesley Palmer shouted to Dressler, his hired man.

"I want no blood shed but somebody's going to get hurt," said Hiltabide, advancing.

Hiltabide and some workmen were going to repair a lock. They have always crossed the land which Palmer recently bought to reach the lock and claim the state has the right to do so. Dressler defended the place so valiantly, however, that Capt. Hiltabide and his men returned to Akron and later caused the arrest of Dressler and Palmer who were released on bond.

## COPPER EASIER

As Result of Settlement of Trust War—Another Wall Street Flurry.

New York, April 15.—Copper furnished another sensation in Wall street yesterday. United States Senator W. A. Clark, of Montana, announced that the rate war between the trust and the independents was over and that hereafter there would be an agreement as to the selling rate of the metal which would allow a fair rate of profit to all mine owners.

Amalgamated stock moved up over a point on the announcement, and holders of the stock, who have been having a rough time of it for some months, began to cheer up a bit.

There will be a meeting of the Amalgamated directors on Thursday to act on a quarterly dividend. It is reported that it will be one-half of 1 per cent. Last dividend was 1 per cent, and for the quarter before that 1 1/4 per cent. Up to the time of the slump there was always an extra dividend declared at the end of the year, making the annual dividend 8 per cent.

## A RACE RIOT AT BOWLING GREEN

Colored Men and Whites Mix It Up in a Lively Manner—Many Persons Hurt.

Bowling Green, O., April 15.—Monday morning this city was the scene of one of the bloodiest street fights in the history of the county, a number of negroes employed here and two white men named George and Hank Jeffers having been the combatants.

The Jeffers boys came to town in the evening and began insulting a crowd of colored men standing on the street. The negroes retaliated and soon a fight was started with clubs and stones. At this hour the police on duty have so much territory to cover that until the firing began there were no officials on the scene, hence the warring parties had the street all to themselves. When the battle turned against them, the Jeffers boys began firing into the crowd of negroes, who ran and were pursued by the infuriated Jeffers boys, firing all the time. The police followed close and, seeing their escape to be doubtful, the Jeffers boys threw away their weapons and dashed across the fields. After a chase, pursuit by the officers was abandoned until today. One of the pistols was found near the scene this morning by a boy.

## ATTEMPTED TO BRIBE

East Liverpool Saloonkeepers to Suppress Indictments—Arrest Followed.

East Liverpool, O., April 15.—O. L. Baker, the man who was accused of attempting to bribe certain liquor dealers in this city, by requiring them to pay him \$25 each in order to prevent indictments by the grand jury, which sits today at Lisbon, was arrested yesterday by Officers Davidson and Morris at Rogers. Baker was arrested on three charges, signed by three liquor dealers in this city, and was brought here and taken before Mayor Davidson where he pleaded not guilty to the three charges. He was bound over to court in the sum of \$500 on each charge and was taken to Lisbon today.

## GOT WALKING PAPERS

Without Knowing the Reason—Postmaster Discharged for Disloyalty.

Sandusky, O., April 15.—Deputy Postmaster William C. Schaub of this city was discharged yesterday on the charge of disloyalty. No other reason was assigned for the discharge. Mr. Schaub found his dismissal awaiting him when he came down to work. Charles A. Lehrer is the present postmaster and is a candidate for reappointment. Collector of Customs Ed. Zurhorst is also a candidate for reappointment to his position and is opposing the reappointment of Lehrer to the postmastership.

Lehrer alleges that Deputy William C. Schaub is a Zurhorst man and has been secretly opposing his reappointment as postmaster. Charges have been made against both Zurhorst and Lehrer and startling developments are expected. Two postoffice inspectors were here last week. Mr. Schaub's successor has not yet been named and probably will not be for several days. Zurhorst people claim that within two weeks Lehrer will be out of the office and Louie Zerbe will be appointed in his place.

### BOY'S MYSTERIOUS DEATH.

Youngstown, O., April 15.—The police are investigating the mysterious death of James McEvoy, a 17-year-old boy, who has been employed at the plant of the Youngstown Iron Sheet and Tube company. He went home last Thursday complaining of severe pains in the head. He said that he was fooling with several of his employees when one of them named "Dutchy" threw a stone, striking him on the head. He died yesterday afternoon. The police are trying to find "Dutchy."

## SALES PENDING

Everett - Moore Syndicate is Ready to Let Go of Detroit-United and N. O. T.

Cleveland, April 15.—The sale of the Detroit United Railway company is thought to be a matter of only a few days.

Cincinnati and eastern financial men, who some months ago made an offer of \$70 per share for a controlling interest in the property, have made a new proposition to the bankers' committee that is looking after Everett-Moore interests.

When the Cincinnati and eastern men made their first offer of \$70 per share for the controlling interest, the holders of stock were requested to deposit it with the Guardian Trust company. They failed to do so, believing that their shares were worth more than \$70. Then the bankers' committee sent out a circular requesting the deposit of the stock, and making the promise that it would not be sold for less than \$75 per share. Even that did not bring in a controlling interest.

It is in the same manner that the Northern Ohio Traction company is to be sold by the bankers' committee. As soon as Horace E. Andrews returns to the city he will be requested to act as manager of the new syndicate that will purchase the property. Members of the bankers' committee stated yesterday that they had received assurances from Mr. Andrews that he would accept the position.

## AKRON WILL SUCCEED

In Erecting Y. M. C. A. Building.

Akron, O., April 16.—At a meeting of the citizen's committee having in charge the organization of a Young Men's Christian association in Akron and the erection of a building reports were made which insure the successful culmination of the movement.

The subscriptions already received give assurances that the needed guarantee of \$40,000 will be raised.

## MOTHER AND SON

Meet in Ohio Town After a Separation of Thirty-Six Years.

Marysville, O., April 15.—There was a happy meeting at the Toledo and Ohio Central depot last evening when William L. P. Hipps, residing near here, and his mother, Mrs. Lucy McCurdy, of Glenwood, Noble county, saw each other for the first time in 36 years. The son was a mere babe when his parents separated. Three months later the father stole the child from his mother and came to this county to reside and in 1870 secured a divorce. The son has made repeated efforts to locate his mother without success until recently.

Mrs. McCurdy who was accompanied by her husband, was recognized from a handkerchief pinned to her left shoulder, which sign had been agreed upon.

## COMMISSIONERS SUE

For Money Illegally Drawn.

Urbana, O., April 15.—Suit was filed yesterday by Prosecuting Attorney Seimner against County Commissioners I. B. Happersett, John Harlan and Charles H. Espy, to recover certain sums of money alleged to have been illegally drawn from the county as fees for personal expenses.

Harlan and Happersett are sued for about \$2,000 each and Espy for \$1,000. The suit is the result of the recent supreme court decision affecting questionable fees. It is understood that similar suits will be filed against some ex-commissioners.

### MARRIAGE PERMITS.

Wm. Edmonds, 34, and Hulda Galloner, 19, Canton.  
Wm. Feashline, 30, and Anna Currie, Alliance.